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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Search Reports and Office Actions were issued in foreign and international applications. Copies of the English language versions of the Search Reports and Office Actions are attached as References 14-18 and 20, 21.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is included. See References 2, 3 and 13.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2 and 3.
- ☒ 6. An Office Action was issued in U.S. Application No. 11/543,772. A copy of the Office Action is submitted for the Examiner's consideration as Reference 19. The references cited therein have already been made of record in this application.

- ☒ 7. Reference 6 corresponds to References 2 and 3.
- ☒ 8. A complete English language translation of one or more previously submitted non-English language reference is attached. See References 7-13.
- ☒ 9. Reference 4 corresponds to WO 2005/015615A1 previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 6, 2006.

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